



## **2020 Wyoming Community Gardens Rules & Regulations**

All gardeners issued a Community Garden permit are required to read the following rules and regulations that you agree to adhere to these rules to maintain an attractive, well-functioning community garden that can be enjoyed by all:

1. Before you start to tend your plot you must have signed this agreement and paid your fee.
2. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week. The combination for the lock will be given to members and changed annually, or as needed.
3. All members are required to assist with general maintenance to keep the Community Gardens looking good. Members are asked to keep the common areas tidy and in good repair.
4. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Plot maintenance includes and is not limited to, watering, weeding, and harvesting, and tidy plot organization. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots. Internal fencing of any kind may not be erected. No permanent structures are permitted within individual gardens. This is essential for the garden area to remain aesthetically pleasing to adjacent neighbors. Tools and other equipment may not be stored next to garden plots. All tools must be removed from the site when leaving or must be stored in the Community Garden tool shed.
5. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Do not allow vines or other spreading plants to infringe upon or grow into pathways or other plots. Also, do not allow plants to grow in height that significantly infringes on the sunlight accessible to neighboring plots. Harvest only from your assigned plot. Please incorporate organic gardening practices. Chemical herbicides, pesticides or petro-fertilizers will not be allowed. Also, carpet may not be used for weed control.
6. All plots will be inspected. Renters of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet the guidelines, will be notified and failure to respond and correct within 14 days will result in notification of deficiency from the City of Wyoming. Any additional failure within 7 days of the dated letter to respond or correct violation(s) will result in plot forfeiture.
7. Use of city-provided mulch is free to everyone and is on a first come, first served basis (as available). Gardeners may bring their own mulch, however mulch material must be of plant based material.
8. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the City Manager immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
9. Family members are welcome to the garden site. However, young children should be supervised.
10. Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the City Manager of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off if you are the last person to leave the garden area. Underground systems, hoses, timed sprinklers are not permitted. Please conserve water.
11. No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Use trash receptacles available next to the gardens. Recycle materials must be placed in recycle trash bins and other material waste in regular trash containers.

12. Notify the City Manager if you are no longer able to tend your plot, or you will be absent for 2 weeks or longer, or if you have asked a friend to tend your garden.
13. Garden tools provided and stored in the shed are to be shared by all. After using tools, they must be cleaned, returned and properly stowed to the storage shed. Tools are not to be removed from the garden area. Report broken tools to the City Manager for repair or replacement.
14. Keep gates in the garden closed at all times, unless transporting materials and convenience is needed to easily and safely enter the garden area with plants, equipment, etc.
15. Each gardener must clear his or her plot each year by December 1 unless planting a winter cover crop. This includes dead plant materials, weeds and any other miscellaneous materials. Failure to clean up/clear the plot will result in forfeiture of the plot. If planting a winter cover crop on a plot that you have leased for the next year, please inform the City by December 1 (only applies to multi-year leases).

Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable gardening experience. Failure to comply with the above regulations during the season, may result in a loss of future gardening privileges. The City of Wyoming is to be held harmless by a gardener. Gardeners are solely responsible for their use of tools, equipment, materials, and general safety and security of the garden area. By signing below, the renter agrees to all rules and regulations as stated above and as may be amended with notification to all gardeners via email, meeting, or other communication.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the City Manager, Lynn Tetley at [ltetley@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:ltetley@wyomingohio.gov) or (513) 842-1382

**I understand all these rules and regulations and agree to follow them.**

Name of Gardener(s) (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Gardener(s) (sign) : \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_